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FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	The Solidarity Center's programs in Latin America focus mainly on strengthening the unions' capacity to organize, to bargain collectively, to administer their organizations in a democratic and sustainable manner, and to educate their members for political participation in a global economy. The ultimate goal of these programs is to enable trade unions to effectively promote democratic, equitable, and sustainable development, based on respect for fundamental human and worker rights, throughout the Americas. The program assists workers to exercise their rights under national labor laws, to create and strengthen workplace industrial unions, to strengthen collective bargaining through the establishment of regional structures linking unions in a particular sector, thus covering as many workers as possible under collective bargaining agreements and negotiating them successfully; and coordinate "framework agreements" that establish criteria for all of an employer's production facilities. These include the creation of economic research departments and legal departments with trained staff to support bargaining. Funded and implemented by USAID/DG.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	189,089
Human Capacity Development/ Higher Education & Training Systems	This program provides technical assistance to higher education workforce development and training activities in agriculture, agribusiness, trade and related areas. Funded by USAID and implemented by USDA/FAS.	Trade-Related Agriculture	26,111
IP Enforcement Conference	IP enforcement conference (June 28-29, 2002). Funded and implemented by US Patent and Trademark Office.	Agreement on TRIPS	7,850

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Increased Institutional Capacity for Environmental Protection	This activity is designed to achieve the following: Expected Outcomes (1) Outcome: Amplification & refinement of Environment Law 64-00 to establish a comprehensive legal environmental regulatory regime. It will include the following items arising from the provisions of the law: a) Biodiversity Law approved; b) Several packages of environmental norms & standards covering the principal key environmental issues promulgated; c) Nat'l environmental legal framework, sub-sectoral laws & implementing regulations for forestry, marinas, coastal & marine resources, fisheries, land use zoning, soils, protected areas, biodiversity, forestry, non-metallic mining, and soils and water completed; d) Clean Air Act with strong civil society support proposed; e) System for public review & comment leading to revision of environmental standards established. (2) Outcome: Knowledge & skills of Secretariat of Environment's (SOE) key staff on strategic planning, environmental policy formulation & implement., environmental assessments, enforcement & sanctioning, ISO-14000 regulation & others improved; (3) Outcome: Environmental Mgt. units in selected municipalities trained & capable of implementing environmental policy at the municipality level under the leadership of the SOE established; (4) Outcome: Environmental management capability at the SOE improved; (5) Outcome: Capability to design & implement effective environmental education programs at the SOE improved; (6) Outcome: The Environmental Law more effectively enforced. Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Environmental Trade & Standards	400,000
PROALCA (II) - LABOR	PROALCA II is the follow-on activity. The Labor component supports efforts to improve the functioning of regional labor markets while strengthening the protection of core labor standards. Enhanced competitiveness in global markets requires that Central America improve the functioning of its labor markets while also strengthening of core labor standards. Improved labor-management relations are essential to achieve the total quality production required by a global marketplace. The following interventions will be promoted: (1) labor ministries' capacity will be enhanced; (2) competitiveness of the region's labor force will be increased; and (3) harmonization of labor laws and regulations in the region. The grantee is SIECA. Funded and implemented by USAID/G-CAP.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	60,000

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Strengthened Capacity to Meet Trade Obligations	The activity being funded is best described by the presentation of expected outcomes in the Activity Approval Document (AAD), as follows: Expected Outcomes (1) Outcome: Strengthened capacity of the National Commission for Trade Negotiations [Comisión Nacional de Negociaciones Comerciales-CNNC] through training and TA to implement trade-related policy reforms and to carry out international trade agreement obligations; (2) Outcome: Improved GODR-CNNC negotiators capabilities to engage in trade negotiations. The TA will be concentrated on specific areas where gaps have been identified such as: market access, subsidies, small economies and analysis of competition policies; (3) Outcome: Strengthened CNNC decision making process for engaging in trade negotiations at the product level; (4) Outcome: Increased civil society awareness (Dissemination activities), advocacy, and participation in the FTAA process, thus building support for approval & implementation of the FTAA. This will include seminars and workshops on the impact for the DR economy in sectors like agriculture, manufacture (light industry), services, micro & small enterprise sector, as well as on important negotiation areas like market access, investments, small economies, rules of origin, government procurement, dispute resolution, subsidies, <i>etc.</i> Funded and implemented by USAID/Dominican Republic.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	300,000
Time-Bound Program: Dominican Republic	The program will work with the Government of the Dominican Republic to withdraw 10,000 children and prevent 15,000 children from participating in hazardous work (such as commercial agriculture and selected urban work) and provide these children with a variety of social services including health and education services. The program will assist families of working children with training and/or income-generating alternatives; provide seed resources to mobilize other donors to combat the worst forms of child labor and coordinate actions between all actors; and create an enabling environment through research, policy analysis, awareness-raising, and social mobilization. In addition, the program will assist in strengthening existing regulations concerning child labor and the capacity of institutions responsible for those regulations; and establish a child labor monitoring system. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	3,000,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			3,983,050